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Miss Reynolds had the good fortune to make another acquisition in the same district in a species of *Callisia*, which, if not identical, is very near a Cuban Species, the *C. meiantha* of Charles Wright (his No. 3728). The genus is nearly allied to *Tradescantia*.

Two other notes of rare plants may be worth making. Dr. Melli-champ has found *Vincetoxicum scoparium*, Gray, (*Cynoctonium*? Chapman) at Bluffton, South Carolina, and Mr. Shriver has sent specimens of *Adiantum Capillus-Veneris*, L., from the banks of New River, Wythe County, Virginia.—WM. M. CANBY.

ERRATUM.—In Mr. Canby's article on *Baptisia* in the April No. of the GAZETTE, page 131, line 14 from bottom, for "septa" read sutures.

THE YELLOW SNOW—POLLEN GRAINS OR ALGÆ?—A microscopic examination of a portion of the yellow matter, which appeared in the streets of Easton after the snow storm of Monday morning, March 17th, proves it to consist of pollen grains, united at first, but separated when dry, or when again wetted. They correspond in every respect with those of the long-leaved or yellow pines of the Southern States (*Pinus australis*, Michx.), with which they have been carefully compared. This pine, though very abundant in the lowlands of North Carolina, does not extend north into Virginia. The specimen in flower, which furnished the pollen for comparison, was gathered near Wilmington, N. C., in the month of March. Currents of air have, no doubt, brought from that distant region enough of the pollen to powder lightly a considerable district in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Thus far, it has been reported as seen in the Counties of Berks, Lehigh, Carbon and Northampton. I may state also that I have found the water in rain-hogsheads, in Central Pennsylvania, covered with pollen of pine trees, brought by the winds from the neighboring mountains at the season of their flowering, in the month of May.—

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A VISIT TO THE SHELL-ISLANDS OF FLORIDA, by A. H. Curtiss.—Paper III.—Few who have visited Florida know even the location of the Sister Islands; many who reside within sight of them know not their names. Fishermen occasionally resort to them but they present little of interest to any one but a botanist, and to him a brief exploration is sufficiently satisfactory, especially as an ever sounding voice seems constantly calling him to the sea-shore. The ocean is in plain sight, yet not easily reached, for there intervenes a vast expanse of marsh and the channel through it is extremely tortuous and difficult to navigate. Once in August the writer made a journey of